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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of Masahiro ISHII et al.

Group Art Unit: 2852

Application No.: 10/603,861

Examiner: Q. Grainger

Filed: June 26, 2003

Docket No.: 116371

For: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

During a February 10 telephone interview, Applicants explained that independent claim 1 explicitly recites "during warm-up," which is not disclosed or suggested in the applied references. Examiner Grainger agreed to reconsider the claims in view of Applicants' explanation.

Respectfully submitted,

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